## Gameday Game Notes

- Cobbers are now staring "crunch time" right in the face. After getting through the first 13 games in the MIAC season, Concordia is confronted with a seven-game stretch that will determine whether they have a chance at the playoffs, and optimism for next year, or just a season of would-haves, could-haves. The next two games will help decide whether or not they will have playoff aspirations in the final weeks of the season. CC will face ninth-place Macalester today and then travel to 11th-place Hamline on Saturday. A pair of wins would jump the Cobbers to 5-10 in the league and keep them within striking distance of the magical 9-11 mark that should get a team into the MIAC postseason.
- Fans should be able to tell the Cobbers' fortune in today's game at the halftime break. CC has led on only four occasions after the first half in MIAC games and is 3-1 in those games. On the flip side, Concordia is 0-9 when trailing after the first 20 minutes of play.
- Luke Linz leads the MIAC in scoring in overall games this season. The junior post player is averaging 19.2 points per game in the team's 18 games. He has scored in double figures in 17 of the team's 18 games this year and has scored at least 20 points in eight games. Linz is in the top 10 in the league in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage, blocked shots, offensive rebounds and minutes played.
- Concordia is currently second in the league in rebounding defense. The Cobbers are holding their opponents to 28.8 rebounds per game. CC is also fourth in the league in rebounding margin with a +3.2 rebounds per game average. Concordia is one of only four teams in the league that is averaging more rebounds than they give up in a game.
- Cody Dyshaw continues to be among the league leaders in 3-point field goal percentage and 3-point field goals made. Dyshaw is sixth in the MIAC in 3-point field goal percentage in all games and tied for sixth in 3-point baskets made. He is currently shooting 44.9% from behind the arc and has made a total of 40 3-point field goals.
- Macalester comes into today's game on a three-game losing streak and having lost five of their last six. That stretch of six games has taken the Scots from tied for fourth in the MIAC at 3-4 to ninth place at 4-9. Like the Cobbers, the next two games will determine whether or not they will be able to make a run for the playoffs. After today, the Scots will play at Augsburg on Saturday.
- Macalester is embarking on a seven-game road trip to finish the season. That was put in place due to the demolition of their gym in order to make way for a new multi-purpose facility. The Scots ended their 83-year occupancy in the Macalester Gymnasium on Saturday, marking the end of the band-box gymnasium era in the MIAC. Macalester's gym was a throwback to the older generation of gyms that featured tight quarters and a crowd that always seemed like it was right on top of the players. The gym will be missed by all the traditionalists who played and watched a game in the venue but will not be missed by today's players who enjoy a more open and inviting basketball court.
- Abe Woldeslassie leads the MIAC in assists (5.0) and Jesse Hollander is tops in offensive rebounds per game (3.1).
- After being ranked nationally much of the season in three-point percentage, the suddenly cold-shooting Scots are just 12-50 from behind the arc over the team's last two games – which are the team's two lowest-scoring games of the season. Macalester has shot just 39% overall while dropping five of its past six decisions.
- Tom Conboy has reached 20 points in two of the past three contests and with 1,201 points, has moved into the No. 6 position on the school's all-time scoring list. Conboy's next rebound will be his 500th at Mac.

## Cobber Gameday Profile – Mike Grieme #34

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**The person I admire most:** My dad

**Favorite foods:** Pizza, chicken nuggets, and tacos

**Favorite movies:** Two for the Money, Glory Road

**Favorite TV shows:** Sportcenter, That 70's Show

**Favorite musical groups:** rap or hip hop, The Fray

**Favorite book:** The Odyssey

**The three people I would most like to meet:** Dwayne Wade, Jessica Simpson, Conan O'Brien

**Nobody knows how much I like to:** Read

**My dream job is:** NBA Head Coach

**Why did you choose to come to Concordia?** "I decided to transfer here because I had a lot of friends here and I liked the school and basketball situation better."
Cobber Basketball Info:
2005-06 Record: 6-18
05-06 MIAC: 5-14 (10th)
Home: 4-7
Away: 2-10
Neutral: 0-1
Last Postseason: 2004-05 Loss to Bethel 79-77 (OT) in the first round of the MIAC playoffs

2005-06 Stat Leaders:
Points Per Game:
Keith Eckhoff (19.1)
Brendan Bosman (13.6)
Jason Miller (11.5)

Rebounds Per Game:
Mark Dixon (5.2)
Luke Linz (5.1)
Jason Miller (5.1)

3-Point Field Goals:
Brock Citterman (38)

Field Goal Percentage:
Brendan Bosman (46.8%)
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MACALESTER COLLEGE "SCOTS"

Scots Basketball Info:
2005-06 Record: 7-18
2005-06 MIAC: 6-14
Home: 5-8
Away: 2-10
Neutral: -
Last Postseason: 2004-05: Lost to Carleton 77-81 in 1st round of MIAC Playoffs

2005-06 Stat Leaders:
Points Per Game:
Tom Conboy (19.0)
Brendan Bosman (13.1)
Jesse Hollander (7.5)
Rebounds Per Game:
Tom Conboy (7.9)
Brendan Bosman (6.6)
Jesse Hollander (6.0)
3-Point Field Goals:
Tom Conboy (33)
Nate Assel (27)
Brendan Bosman (25)
Field Goal Percentage:
Tom Conboy (46.8%)
Brendan Bosman (44.2%)

Head Coach - Curt Kietzer
Assistant Coaches - Tom Connell, Ed Prohofskey

Today's Probable Starters
G 13  Abe Waldeslassie Jr. 6-7 205 F Richfield, Minn. 15.8 ppg/2.5 rpg/48.2 FG%
G 15  Lars Johnson Sr. 6-4 180 G St. Cloud, Minn. 6.1 ppg/4.3 rpg/34.0 3pt%
G 22  Brad Liddell Jr. 6-2 170 G Crystal Lake, Ill. 14.2 ppg/2.8 rpg/40.6 3pt%
F 23  Tom Conboy Jr. 6-8 220 F Chanhassen, Minn. 17.1 ppg/7.3 rpg/44.1 FG%
F 30  Jesse Hollander Sr. 6-3 195 F Kathmandu, Nepal 6.7 ppg/7.4 rpg/42.0 FG%
COBBER LAST GAME RECAP

MOORHEAD, Minn. (1/24/07)– Concordia was outscored 15-9 in the final five minutes of play against St. Olaf and lost 63-56 in Moorhead. The Cobbers had erased a nine-point second half deficit midway through the final half and then played a cat-and-mouse game for the next five minutes before the Oles went on the decisive run to come away with the victory.

Luke Linz had a game-high 18 points for Concordia as the Cobbers had their one-game winning streak stopped. The loss once again puts CC against the wall in fighting for the sixth, and final, playoff spot. CC is now 3-15 overall and 3-10 in the MIAC - three games behind sixth place Augsburg. The Oles were led by Jon Bain who went 6-of-6 from the free throw line and finished with a team-high 12 points. He also recorded a game-high 13 rebounds.

Three different stat categories held an insight into the game. St. Olaf went 16-of-18 (88.9%) from the free throw line including six straight in the final 30 seconds of the game to seal the victory. Comparatively, the Cobbers shot only 10 free throws and went 7-of-10 from the line. CC had only players in the game attempt free throws. Concordia committed only 13 turnovers in the game but the Oles turned those into 20 points. That was a big advantage to the Cobbers who forced 10 turnovers but were only able to come up with eight points off of those miscues.

The third category that the Oles held a severe edge was in scoring from the bench. St. Olaf reserves helped the starters by outscoring their counterparts 22-8. The big contributor to that stat was Mark Torell who went 2-of-3 from behind the arc and finished with 10 points. On the other side, James Baldwin led Concordia's bench players with four points and the Cobbers had only three non-starters score at all.

SCOT LAST GAME RECAP/BOX SCORE

(courtesy of Macalester SID)

St. Paul, Minn. (1/27/07) - Mike Keating had 25 points and 14 rebounds and Isaac Rosefelt finished with 20 points and four assists as first-place St. Thomas defeated the Scots 87-55 in the final men's basketball game in the 83-year-old history of the Macalester Gymnasium.

St. Thomas – the No. 6-ranked team in the D3Hoops.com poll, improves to 17-2 on the season and 13-1 in the MIAC. Macalester falls to 7-11 on the season, 4-9 in MIAC play.

Bryan Schnettler added 15 points and five assists for the Tommies, who shot 57% while holding Mac to a 35% figure on the day. UST out-scored Macalester 56-28 in points in the paint.

Tom Conboy (Jr., Chanhassen, Minn. / Minnetonka) netted 21 points, while Brad Liddell (Jr., Crystal Lake, Ill. / Central) and Andy Stein (Sr., Rosemount, Minn.) added 11 apiece to pace Macalester. The Scots were just 6-for-31 on three-pointers for a 19% mark.

St. Thomas scored the game's first 13 points before Mac got on the board 5:07 into the contest. Leading 34-25 with 2:35 left in the half, UST out-scored the hosts 12-3 over the remainder of the period to go up 46-28 at the intermission. UST's lead in the second half was never in danger.

The Scots have now been held to their season's two lowest scoring outputs in their past two games (49 Wednesday vs. St. Mary's and 55 today) while going on an ice cold 12-for-60 on three-pointers.
2006-07 MIAC STANDINGS

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* Clinched MIAC Playoff Berth

UPCOMING GAMES

1/31/2007 (Wednesday)
Macalester @ Concordia, 5:45 p.m.
Augsburg @ Hamline, 5:45 p.m.
Saint Mary’s @ St. Olaf, 5:45 p.m.
Carleton @ St. Thomas, 5:45 p.m.
Saint John’s @ Bethel, 7:30 p.m.

2/3/2007 (Saturday)
Concordia @ Hamline, 1 p.m.
Macalester @ Augsburg, 1 p.m.
Saint Mary’s @ Gustavus, 1 p.m.
Bethel @ St. Thomas, 1 p.m.
Saint John’s @ St. Olaf, 3 p.m.

2/5/2007 (Monday)
Concordia @ Gustavus, 5:45 p.m.
St. Olaf @ Bethel, 5:45 p.m.
St. Thomas @ Augsburg, 5:45 p.m.
Hamline @ Carleton, 5:45 p.m.
Macalester @ Saint John’s, 7:30 p.m.

RECENT RESULTS

1/27/2007 (Saturday)
Bethel 67 @ Carleton 63
St. Thomas 87 @ Macalester 55
Hamline 70 @ Saint Mary’s 84
Gustavus 66 @ Saint John’s 100
St. Olaf 90 @ Augsburg 74

1/24/2007 (Wednesday)
St. Olaf 63 @ Concordia 56
Bethel 72 @ Gustavus 66
Saint Mary’s 60 @ Macalester 49
Hamline 71 @ St. Thomas 90
Carleton 60 @ Saint John’s 65

1/22/2007 (Monday)
Concordia 62 @ Carleton 57
Gustavus 69 @ Augsburg 56
Hamline 68 @ Bethel 83
St. Thomas 78 @ St. Olaf 53
Saint John’s 63 @ Saint Mary’s 66

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